

### REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are present in the application and have been made subject to an election of species requirement. In accordance with the foregoing amendments, Claims 8, 21, 32, and 43 have been amended to include the species poly(N-isopropylacrylamide). Support for this amendment is found in the specification at page 12, lines 8-12, original Claims 9, 22, 33, and 44, and elsewhere in the application as filed.

#### Election

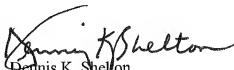
In response to the Examiner's election of species requirement, applicants hereby elect the species poly(N-isopropylacrylamide) for initial search and examination subject to consideration of claims drawn to additional species upon allowance of a generic claim. As amended, Claims 1-8, 10-21, 23-32, 34-43, and 45-47 are generic. Claims 1-47 read on the elected species.

#### Conclusion

Entry of the foregoing amendments and election is requested. The Examiner is further requested to contact applicants' representative at the number set forth below to discuss any issues that may facilitate prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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